

PROVISIONAL SEMINAR PROGRAM

Accidental transboundary water pollution prevention – contingency planning, early warning, mitigation

Co-organised by Hungary and UNECE, under the auspices of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (JEG) and ICPDR

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Venue: Ministry of Interior, József Attila út. 2-4, 1051 Budapest, Hungary, in the Márványterem (Marble room), ground floor

Meeting dates: Monday 4th November until Tuesday 5th November 2019

Registration: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=Pj1V8g>

Monday, 4th November 2019

13:00 - 13:30 Registration

Session I Opening and introduction to the UNECE checklist for transboundary contingency planning and its application (Chaired by Mr. Peter Kovacs)

13:30-13:40 Opening by the host country and the co-organizers - Objectives of the seminar and linkages to broader frameworks and legislation
Mr. Péter Kovács, Ministry of Interior of Hungary, Co-Chair of the UNECE JEG

13:40-14:00 UNECE Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents and its work on preventing accidental water pollution
Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei, Co-Chair of the UNECE JEG

14:00-14:20 UNECE Checklist for contingency planning for accidents affecting transboundary waters
Ms. Rebecca Wardle, UNECE secretariat

14:20-14:40 Application of the UNECE Checklist for Transboundary Contingency Planning in Armenia
Ms. Kristine Sahakyan "Eco Peace" NGO, president

14:40-15:00 Application of the UNECE Checklist for Transboundary Contingency Planning in the Danube Delta and Draft Joint Contingency Plan for the Danube Delta
Mr. Vitalii Mutaf, Republic of Moldova

- 15:00-15:15 Q&A, Discussion, feedback by participants on the UNECE checklist
- 15:15-15:40 Coffee/Tea break
- Session II National approaches to contingency planning and challenges in transboundary contingency planning, including notification and early warning (Chaired by Ms. Rebecca Wardle, UNECE secretariat)**
- 15:40-16:00 Contingency planning, accidental water pollution prevention, with special regard to transboundary waters, including the transboundary field exercise in Hungary in 2018
Ms. Hajnalka Hegedus, General Directorate for Water Management of Hungary
- 16:00-16:20 Contingency planning, accidental water pollution prevention with special regard to transboundary waters
Mr. Septimius Mara, Ministry of Waters and Forests, Romania
- 16:20-16:40 Contingency planning, accidental water pollution prevention with special regard to transboundary waters
Mr. Pavel Danihelka, Occupational Safety Research Institute, Regional Office Ostrava, Czechia
- 16:40-17:00 Contingency planning, accidental water pollution prevention with special regard to transboundary waters
Mr. Bojan Srdic, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 17:00-17:20 Contingency planning, accidental water pollution prevention with special regard to transboundary waters
Ms. Laura Vizbule, Environment State Bureau, Latvia
- 17:20-17:50 Panel discussion on good practices and challenges in transboundary contingency planning, including possible future support by the JEG (**Chaired by Mr. Adam Kovacs, ICPDR**)
Country representatives, representative of UNECE and ICPDR, JEG members
- 17:50-18:00 Q&A, wrap up of the first day by the Co-Chairs
- 19:00 Dinner hosted by Ministry of Interior of Hungary

Tuesday, 5th November 2019

- Session III Prevention of transboundary accidental water pollution and early warning systems – Good Practices, tools and lessons learned from River Basin Commissions (Chaired by Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei, Co-Chair of the UNECE JEG)**
- 09:15-09:20 Opening of the second day by the chair
- 09:20-09:40 Preventing water pollution in the Danube Region

Mr. m Kovacs, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR Permanent Secretary)

- 09:40-10:00 Preventing water pollution on the Scheldt River
Mr. Leon Dhaene, International Scheldt Commission
- 10:00-10:20 Preventing water pollution on the Dniester River
Ms. Iryna Nikolaieva, on behalf of the Dniester Commission
- 10:20-10:40 Water pollution prevention on the Sava River
Mr. Samo Grošelj, International Sava River Basin Commission
- 10:40-11:00 Water pollution prevention on the Odra River
Mr. Premysl Soldan, International Commission for the Protection of the Odra River
- 11:00-11:20 Coffee/Tea break
- 11:20-11:50 Panel discussion on good practices and lessons learned by UNECE and the River Commissions regarding the prevention of transboundary water pollution, including on synergies and possibilities for strengthened cooperation (**Chaired by Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei**)
Representatives from River Commissions and UNECE, JEG Co-Chairs
- 11:50-12:00 Q&A, Discussion, wrap up of the seminar by the Co-Chairs of the JEG
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 Departure of international participants from Budapest (those not participating in the JEG meeting)
- 13:00-18:00 19th Meeting of the UNECE Joint Expert Group, with participation of representatives from the river basin commissions (a separate agenda for this will be circulated)
- 19:00 Joint dinner for participants in the JEG meeting

Wednesday, 6th November 2019

Departure of remaining participants from Budapest